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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Please replace the abstract on page 40, lines 6-9 with the following:

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The present invention provides a hydrostatic delivery system comprising a hydrostatic couple and an agent of interest. The hydrostatic couple comprises, at least one hydrodynamic fluid-imbibing polymer, and at least one hydrostatic pressure modulating agent. This delivery system has the ability to control the release of one or more agents of interest within a fluid environment following zero-order kinetics.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace claim 11 with the following:

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11. The hydrostatic delivery system according to claim 1 wherein the agent of interest comprises a plurality of discrete active particulates.

REMARKS

Any fees that may be due in connection with this application throughout its pendency may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-1213.

The specification, abstract and claim 11 are amended to correct obvious typographical errors. No new matter has been added.

The specification is also amended to delete pages 29 through 31 and add material between pages 28 and 32 that was incorporated in its entirety from U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/251,751 which a benefit of priority in accordance with 35 U.S.C. §119(e) is claimed. The added material is identical to page 30, line 5 through page 33, line 7 of the provisional application. A marked up copy of the above mentioned provisional application is provided herewith to note that the added material is identical with the exception of the following amendments: